



Good Friday Movie - Friday, April 14 at 7:00 pm

Street Hope is presenting the movie "Risen". Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. This is the manhunt that changed human history. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Steve Bell in Concert at Stone - Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 pm

We will welcome back to Stone Church our good friend and inspiring fellow Jesus follower Steve Bell for one special evening in Saint John. See more about this iconic Christian singer/songwriter at stevebell.com.



Other Easter Events

Because He Lives - A Musical for Easter - Two Performances

Sunday, April 9, 6:30 pm at Cornerstone Baptist Church

Sunday, April 16, 6:30 pm at Calvary Temple

Featuring a combined choir from both churches plus solos, duets and small groups. All who share in these moments will be moved as they consider the atoning sacrificial blood of Christ, the redemptive cross of Calvary, the empty tomb and the certain hope of heaven...Because He Lives

The Annual Passion Play Re-enactment "**In Memory of Jesus**" will be performed this year on Good Friday, April 14. It will be take place at St. Peter's Church, 50 Clarendon Street. The Choir begins at 7:00 pm and the play will start at 7:30 pm. We invite you to join us for this wonderful performance and everyone is welcome. There is no admission fee, but a good will offering will be taken at the end of the performance. We hope to see you there.

Stone Mission Statement

We are a community of followers of Jesus Christ called to spiritual growth, building one another up, and sharing the love of God in the wider community.

St. John's (Stone) Church

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9:00 am – Holy Communion—Chancel

10:45 am – Holy Communion - Lent 5

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *Come Into the Holy of Holies; Blessed Be Your Name
10,000 Reasons*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY - page 185

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all
from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of
your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

FIRST LESSON Romans 8:6-11 - Rebecca Ellis
- page 1184

PSALM 130 - page 652

THE GOSPEL John 11:1-45 - John Paul Westin
- page 1124

SERMON - John Paul Westin

PRAISE SONG *Be Still and Know*

NICENE CREED - page 188

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**Response: For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and
with him is great power to redeem.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION - page 191
THE PEACE

OFFERINGS SONG *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* BB 377

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Prayer 2) - page 196

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 211

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Prayer Chain: *Anthea Earle (652-6032) or bearlec603@rogers.com*

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Apr. 2: Mityana (Uganda), the Rt. Rev. Stephen Kaziimba. Council of the North, Diocese of the Arctic, Bishop David Parsons, Suffragan Bishop Darren McCartney, clergy and people, the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung, the Cathedral parish of St. Jude, Iqaluit and the Synod office staff in Yellowknife. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, Archbishop Percy Coffin and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross, Tagish & Johnson's Crossing: St. Saviour's, Teslin: St. Philip's, the Ven. Sarah Usher, Len Usher and the ministry team, Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William, George and Harold, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

Calvary Temple, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Central Saint John Community Ministry, Cornerstone Baptist

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Brian Gallant; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Ed Doherty; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Rod Daley, Charlotte Ferris, Pat Loring, Michael Nunn, Carol Wilson
(Please call Pam at the Office to include anyone who needs prayer for acute illness or those hospitalized. We must have permission from the individual to publish their name. Thank you.)

Pray for our new Canadian Families

Samir Ramadan, Wedad Ilias, Ruba Ramadan, Mohammad Ramadan, Maha Mara Touk, Samir Ramadan and baby Sam. Also Maha's family: Ghada Chems Alliden (mother), Omar Mara Touk (brother), Magham Girkas (sister-in-law) and their son Zyad (4).

For Lubna Ramadan and her four children who we are working to bring over from their refugee camp in Turkey, hopefully this fall. They have been languishing there unable to work or attend school for over two years.

Safe Church at Stone

Anyone in a leadership role will need to take the **Safe Church** programme, either online or at a workshop. The next workshop for the Saint John Deanery is on April 20th at Mission Church, Millidgeville from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. No registration is required, just show up. The online programme is available through the Diocesan website. For those not able to do the programme at this time, please contact Marje Harrison at 832-3033 or email corgi2@rogers.com before April 9th. Marje will be back in circulation May 1st. to give help.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN
(the week of April 2 - 8 , 2017)

Mon.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Tue.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
	7:00 pm	Leading From Here to There - Vineyard
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Thu.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:00 pm	English Language Café - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	12:15 pm	Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in—2nd Floor, Trinity Church
Fri.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	3:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-in - Stone Church
Sat.	10:00 pm	Stepping Into Evangelism - Stone Church
Next Sun.	2:00 pm	Messy Church - Stone Church
	4:00 pm	Guest House - Stone Church

Our Envelope Offerings Last Week

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$ 787.00
Actual	<u>2,904.00</u>	<u>516.00</u>
Shortfall/Surplus	\$ 148.00	\$ 271.00

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION WORSHIP *I Am the Bread of Life*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

DISMISSAL

(Scripture reading page numbers are from the black pew Bibles)

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Lection Connection by Canon George Eves

After Saul had failed as the first king of Israel, YAHWEH sent the prophet Samuel to Bethlehem and the house of Jesse to anoint one of his sons as the next king. Both Samuel and Jesse were blind to the proper choice because they, unlike YAHWEH, could not see into the heart. Even though he seemed too young for the job, David the shepherd boy was finally selected and when Samuel anointed him he was filled with the Spirit. David depicts his relationship with YAHWEH in terms of a sheep who trusts that the shepherd knows what he is doing in spite of appearances. He provides water, food and shelter, even in circumstances that the sheep, with its limited vision, would see as extremely threatening. According to St. Paul, the Christian has passed from darkness to light, producing that which is good, right and true. Living in this way makes even the works of darkness visible in the light of Christ. In healing a man born blind Jesus graphically demonstrates that he is indeed the light of the world. The impenetrable darkness of the blind man is dispersed and when he recognizes Jesus as the Son of Man and believes in him, he comes even to see as God sees. The sighted Pharisees, on the other hand, demonstrate through their opposition to Jesus that they are the ones who are really blind and dwell in darkness.

Parish Member Update

I am in the process of updating the Parish Membership Listing and would appreciate it if you would fill in one of the forms located on the table in the hall. If I have already spoken with you personally, you do not need to fill one in. Upon completion, please return it to me in the office. Thank you for your cooperation.



Join us for tea & coffee following the service by the kitchen at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today: **SHARED LUNCH** - Hostess: Ruby

Next Sunday: Ann & Chris Clayton

Today - Shared Lunch

Please join us immediately following the main service for our Shared Lunch. All are welcome.

Today - Learning To See Our Community #3: Taking Part

Stone Church has a long tradition of being involved in community outreach. As a church we deeply value those who live in our community and we share the concerns of those who are in unstable situations. Our Parish Vision is *"The heart of Christ in the heart of Saint John"*. The centrality of reaching the community with the gospel message couldn't be clearer. In the first workshop we looked at how to change our mindset from just providing for an emergency need (give a fish) to strengthening the community so it can care for itself (the community owns the market). Then in the second workshop we looked at some practical ideas of things Stone could do. Today following our shared meal we will look together at what has been accomplished so far as well as how each person in the congregation can take part. This workshop will be looking at our involvement in the community based on Scripture, who we are, and where Christ is leading our hearts. Please plan to stay for this important work we do together. The workshop will conclude at 1:30 pm.



Easter! Chocolate is delicious, but there is more to this holiday than a bunny. Come join us as we make an Easter Garden and learn more about the mystery and miracle of Easter! It's happening **April 9 from 2:00-3:30 pm at Stone Church**. For more information, message the Stone Messy Church Facebook page or email: stonemessychurch@nb.aibn.com.

Final 9:00 am Holy Communion Easter Sunday

Due to negligible turnout for our 9:00 am BCP Holy Communion service on Sundays over the past 4 months, we will not be offering it after Easter Sunday. We do not feel it is a good use of our clergy time and energy if the service is not fulfilling a felt need in the parish. We will continue to be open to God's leading and the needs of the parish in offering other worship and parish events according to our mission purpose.

Pam Stuart will be out of the office from Monday, April 3 returning Friday, April 7. Messages may be left on the answering machine and I will return all calls upon my return.

"Stepping into Evangelism: Together" - Sat., April 8, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

offers an interactive approach for followers of Jesus Christ to learn and see how they can easily share their faith with those around them. Based on the workbook of the same name, this seminar will move you from wanting to see people know Jesus, to being an active participant in God's overall plan. Workshops will be led by Bishop David Edwards and Shawn Branch, National Director of Threshold Ministries here at Stone Church. Online registration through <http://anglican.nb.ca/events/>.



Maundy Thursday

Thu., April 13 at 6:00 pm - Shared Meal, Lord's Supper and Foot Washing: On the night Jesus was betrayed...

Holy (or Maundy) Thursday is one of the most important days in the Christian Year. It was the day that Jesus was betrayed by his own friend Judas, and handed over to first the Jewish and then the Roman authorities, to be dealt with for supposedly betraying them! It was the evening on which Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper (also known as the Eucharist, Communion, Mass, Divine Liturgy), as a sign by which his disciples might continue to remember and dwell in him and he in them. It was the time in which he showed what servant-hood looked like, washing his disciples' feet and calling them (us) to do the same for one another. We will begin with a shared meal (bring whatever food you would like to share with others) and move into our celebration of the Lord's undying love and willingness to give himself "for us and our salvation" and participate together in the memorial which he has commanded his church to do "until his coming again". Please join us for this beautiful, solemn but intimate evening of worship and fellowship.

"How Deep the Father's Love" - April 14 at 10:45 am

A very special theme service for Good Friday using scripture, anthems and congregational songs to explore the depth of God's love for the world, revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross "for us and for our salvation" (Nicene Creed). All welcome!

